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Mr. P. Siva Rao :—"May I know what is the test they would apply to this and whether they would treat it as a productive scheme or a protective one ?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"That question will be considered when we receive the report and consider the financial aspect."

Prevention of the submersion of lands in Chintamani, Trichinopoly taluk.

* 1045 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what are the various proposals that were considered or are still under the consideration of the Government to prevent submersion of lands in Chintamani, Trichinopoly taluk, Trichinopoly district, at flood time ?

A.—No proposal to prevent the submersion of lands to Chintamani, Trichinopoly taluk, Trichinopoly district, has been or is under the consideration of the Government.

One of the proposals made for the reclamation of the sanded lands in the Murungapettai area was to use the low-lying lands near St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, as a dumping ground for the sand which was expected to be available if the Murungapettai area was cleared of it. The proposal contemplated the acquisition of lands in Chintamani by Government, raising their level and making them available for building purposes. It has since been reported, however, that if the Murungapettai High Level Channel scheme which is now under separate consideration is sanctioned, there would not be enough sand for raising the low-lying lands in the Trichinopoly town. The Government are therefore awaiting a decision on the Murungapettai High Level Channel scheme.

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"May I know whether there was not a project to divert the surplus water to certain portions near Mulligudi ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Land Revenue

Levy of ground-rent in Trichinopoly municipality.

* 1046 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in August 1925, vacant sites on the Butterworth Road, Teppakulam, Trichinopoly, were sold in auction for the erection of houses, by the municipality, on the authority of the Government ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in 1925, 1926, 1927, there was a levy of about 3 annas per plot as land tax, but no collection of ground-rent either by the Revenue authorities or by the municipality ;

(*c*) whether in 1928 a ground-rent of Rs. 23 per site was collected under threat of coercive proceedings ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the sales of the vacant house-sites in question took place subsequent to G.O. No. 1016, Revenue, dated 29th June 1923 ;

(*e*) whether the lands on which a ground-rent has been levied have been converted into buildings for dwelling purposes and there are no longer vacant lands assessable on that basis ;